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SUBJECT: NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING: HIGHLIGHTS

REF: REYKJAVIK 0186

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPSEC GEN HORDUR HELGASON GAVE US FOLLOWING  
RUNDOWN TODAY ON ACTION TAKEN ON KEY ISSUES AT FEBRUARY  
15-20 NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING IN REYKJAVIK:

-- ENERGY: NO FORMAL DELIBERATION OR DECISIONS, ALTHOUGH  
THERE WAS SOME CONSIDERATION OF RECENTLY CONCLUDED JOINT OFFICIAL  
STUDY ON NORDIC ENERGY COOPERATION. MEETING OF NORDIC MINISTERS  
OF INDUSTRY TO DISCUSS QUESTION FURTHER WAS SET FOR NORWAY  
IN LATE JUNE.

-- LAW OF SEA: ICELAND OUTLINED ITS LOS POLICY, STRESSING GOI  
INTENTION TO EXTEND TERRITORIAL LIMITS TO 200 MILES THIS YEAR.  
SOMEWHAT TO GOI DISAPPOINTMENT, THERE WAS NO GENERAL, FORMAL  
DISCUSSION OF ISSUE (BECAUSE, HELGASON SAID OF CLOSENESS TO  
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GENEVA LOS SESSION) AND NO PARTICULAR SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR GOI

POSITION EXCEPT FOR PASSING EXPRESSIONS OF "UNDERSTANDING"  
FOR ICELAND'S SPECIAL SITUATION.

-- INVESTMENT BANK: HELGASON STRESSED ICELAND'S INTEREST IN  
THIS PROJECT BUT SAID NO SUBSTANTIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COUNCIL  
BUT RATHER DECISION TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY.

2. HELGASON NOTED THAT TRADITIONAL AVOIDANCE OF FOREIGN POLICY  
ISSUES HAD BEEN BREACHED BY FINNISH MP'S CRITICISM OF ALLEGED  
DEPARTURE BY SWEDEN FROM POLICY OF NEUTRALITY (REFTEL) AND BY  
INTRODUCTION INTO PROCEEDINGS BY FINNISH PM SORSA OF PITCH FOR  
KEKKONEN PLAN. REGARDING LATTER, HELGASON SAID SWEDES HAD  
VAGUELY INDICATED THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER  
"CONSEQUENCES" OF KEKKONEN PLAN, BUT THAT MATTERS NEVER GOT  
BEYOND THAT POINT.

3. PERSONALLY, HELGASON EXPRESSED HIS DISMAY OVER INORDINATE  
AMOUNT OF TIME DEVOTED BY COUNCIL TO ISSUES SUCH AS DOG  
QUARANTINES AND FERRY BOAT SERVICE AT EXPENSE OF MORE SERIOUS  
DELIBERATIONS.

4. COMMUNIQUE OR SIMILAR WRAP-UP IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED  
BY ALTHING EVENTUALLY. WE WILL REPORT ON THIS AND ANY OTHER  
RESULTS OR IMPRESSIONS AS APPROPRIATE.

5. NEXT NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING ACCORDING TO PRESS SLATED FOR  
COPENHAGEN WITH DATE TO BE DECIDED.  
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